



STATE OF DELAWARE
Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: June 3, 2011, 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center

In Attendance:

Commissioners:

Ms. Aleks Casper
Ms. Patricia Ciranni
Mr. C. Malcolm Cochran
Dr. Garrett H. C. Colmorgen, Chair
Ms. Tania M. Culley
Ms. Marjorie Hershberger
Dr. Kathy A. Janvier
Ms. Courtney Jones
Ms. Becky Laster (proxy for Dr. Amanda Kay)
Ms. Leslie Newman
Dr. Kevin Sheahan
Dr. Philip Shlossman
Ms. Patricia Dailey-Lewis
Chief Kevin McDerby
Ms. Mary Kate McLaughlin
Ms. Alisa Olshefsky
Cpl. Adrienne Owens (proxy for Col. Coupe)

Other:

Ms. Lisa Borin Ogden (Victims Compensation Assistance Program)

Staff:

Anne Pedrick, Executive Director
Ashlee Starratt
Angela Birney

Call to Order:

Dr. Colmorgen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from March 11, 2011 were accepted without change.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Report:

Staff:

Michael Brown, CDNDSC Office Manager, recently resigned and therefore Angela Birney was promoted to Office Manager from her position of Administrative Specialist I. CDNDSC is currently awaiting approval from Chief Justice as to whether or not the Administrative Specialist I position will be filled. Furthermore, CDNDSC has hired a contractual person to help alleviate the FIMR initial triage of records. This individual's contract will be for six months and then the necessity of the position will be reassessed.

Bike Safety Pilot Program: Lizzie Birney (daughter of CDNDSC Office Manager, Angela Birney) created a bike helmet safety campaign as her Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. Anne Pedrick is acting as Lizzie's advisor for the program. Anne, Angela, and Lizzie met with Smyrna Police Chief Wilbert Bordley to pilot the campaign in Smyrna, Lizzie's hometown. Lizzie designed coupons for free items, such as an ice cream cone from McDonald's, a small Frosty from Wendy's, or a kid-sized water ice from Rita's. The coupons will be distributed to the Smyrna patrolmen. They will distribute the coupons to children as a reward for wearing their bike helmets.

Media Campaign:

On Tuesday, June 7, 2011, the Child Protection Accountability Commission's and Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission's Media Campaign Subcommittee will be sponsoring a Blue Rocks Night in order to create awareness of child abuse and neglect.

National Child Death Review: In April 2011, Anne attended a conference in Atlanta, GA sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The plenary session of the conference was on the National SUID Case Registry. Currently, only six states have been selected to pilot the program; however, other states can agree to be a non-funded state and capture the same extensive data. Most of the confusion with these types of cases is with the classification of the cause of death which may not accurately reflect all of the risk factors contributing to the death. This pilot program will combine information from the death certificate and child death review panels to give a much better analysis of the death.

Another outcome of this conference was the formation of a regional coalition from Virginia to New York. The coalition will conduct quarterly conference calls and plan to

meet once per year. The mission of the coalition is to brainstorm what each State is doing and foster collaboration between States regarding child death. Anne Pedrick will be the initial chair of this coalition.

Maternal Mortality Review (MMR): Dr. Colmorgen explained the ongoing difficulties in obtaining permissions for Dr. Sayeedha Uddin to become the medical abstracter for our maternal death reviews because of her residing and practicing out of state. The reviews will go forward in November as scheduled; the preliminary solution is to have the state Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) doctors abstract the cases so long as they have not been involved with that particular case. The November meeting will be an evening meeting and CME's will be awarded; more information will be published at a later date.

On June 2, 2011, Dr. Colmorgen attended a meeting of the Delaware Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Legislative Committee at Legislative Hall. One of their top three concerns for the State is Maternal Mortality Review. They offered a \$10,000 grant to assist CDNDSC in those efforts; however, the financial contribution was not the issue. The delay was with the approval from Delaware Technology and Information (DTI). In addition, CDNDSC had monies set aside for this contractual individual that was encumbered. The Commission agreed with Dr. Colmorgen declining the grant.

Other Business:

The curriculum vitae of AnnaMarie Breeden was presented to the Commission. Ms. Breeden was unanimously approved to be a part of the Child Abuse and Neglect Panel.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to enter Executive Session.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Commission returned. There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to adjourn.